



## **Town of Buckeye – Public Works Department PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Missed Monitoring For Lead and Copper**

This Notice is to inform customer of Town of Buckeye Airport Water System, Public Water System # 07-462, Town of Buckeye (System Owner) that the water system failed to conduct initial monitoring for Lead and Copper for two consecutive six months. The water system also failed to monitor for lead and copper since 2001. Public water systems are required by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), to monitor the drinking water for Lead and Copper. Instead, the Town collected its samples for lead and copper in August, 2005 and November 2005. The Town has a scheduled in place to collect sample again in the month of February 2006, to meet the initial monitoring requirements, and to return to compliance .We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of the regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During March 2001-July 2005 we did not monitor or test for lead and copper and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. During this time period you may want to use alternative water supplies for drinking and cooking.

The results for the Airport's testing done in August 2005 found that average lead to be less than <0.0010 mg/L and copper to be .0062 mg/L, well below the SDWA Action Levels for Lead 0.015 mg/L and Copper is 1.3 mg/L.

The Town believes sampling scheduling protocol to be the likely reason for missed monitoring. The Airport water system currently has a site sampling plan on file with Maricopa County Environmental Service Department (MCESD). The Town water system is currently working with MCESD drinking water program to implement steps to ensure that no future violations for missed monitoring occur.

The Town of Buckeye is committed to provide safe, quality drinking water to its citizens and is committed to meeting all of its regulatory compliance obligations. The Town has taken several additional steps to improve in these areas as follows:

- The Town has hired an Environmental Regulatory Manager, who will oversee regulatory compliance, provide training, inspection auditing, sampling, etc.
- The Town has hired a third-party consultant to serve as sampling technician for the Town until a Town sampling/environmental technician position can be approved and budgeted.

This notice contains important information concerning your drinking water quality and health. Please discuss with someone who understands this notice at Town of Buckeye 100 North Apache; suite A Buckeye AZ 86326, Rick Morley water system operator at the water production department at 623-764-2171 or Lucky Roberts with the regulatory department at 623-327-1946 or 623-694-5926 for assistance.